



LUBBOCK ARMY FLYING SCHOOL
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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Howdy Keds,-

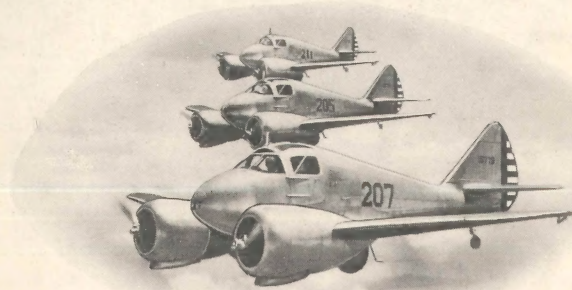
And I might add - happy birthday, Melba! You've got a package coming, honest. - I've got it all wrapped ready for mailing. The problem now involves getting to the post office. - Of course, I could be there now instead of writing this, - but as this involves lots less effort, of a sort - it's this. Besides - I just got back from P.T. so I've had my exercise for today. - The rest of the exercise will be confined to shepharding one of the above jobs on a cross country of about 360 miles this after-noon. Hard luck!

I enjoyed your letter yesterday; - It's been so long since I'd heard, I was beginning to think maybe I owed you a letter. - But that doesn't bother me - I'll just owe ya! - That's the kind of a guy I am!

after supper:

Well, here I am again with 340 miles under my belt - so hum. - I logged about 2h50mi for the trip - actual running time, but actually counting airline time (not time on the ground) I only took 2:34. Not bad, eh! - I could have made

it in less time but my instructor told us to keep it throttled back so we could count more time. We have to get a certain amount anyway - and all in excess of it just goes to our advantage in our log books. - Wanta take a trip sometime? - This was the first cross-country I've made with a co-pilot. - It's alright too. - We landed at Abilene, due to low ceiling - hung around awhile - then took off for home anyhow. - While we were there we bought cokes and had ice-cream to eat on the way back. - Wonder if anyone got hit by my empty box? - Boy, that's the life - just sitting back eating ice-cream and letting to co-pilot fly - yippee! all the people came around and looked while we were on the ground - just as we did that Sunday in Goldsboro. - Only this was a big airport with Airlines and 20 odd army ships like ours around. - The ships we fly are the A.T. 9's - a picture of which is on this letter-head. - Quite a nifty ship to fly, but very tricky. - It is the Army's boast that any one who flies this ship can fly anything the Army makes! - There now! It is strictly hot business. - Then besides flying it, there are so many things to do and look after. - Before starting there's a whole list the pilot + co-pilot reads off to each other + check. - You mention don't I laugh at my cut' days? - Golly gee, no. - I'm envious - I'd like to get in something so simple + free from worries for once. - I'd probably break my fool neck. - Imagine flying a plane with only 4 or 5 simple instruments!



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They are starting to pour the coal on us again. - We are having exams in ground school - 2 or 3 a day, now - and night flying starts again for us tomorrow night. I'm not particularly looking forward to that in these 9's - but if it has to be - well lead me to it and let's get it over with! - ~~The fun~~ But that won't be over with till we graduate - once we start it.

I don't know where we will go from here - either to medium bombers or to 4 engine schools flying these B-17's or B-24's - or maybe an instructor. - I'd like to log 4 engine time for when this phase is over - but that means early foreign duty and I'd still like to hang around the U.S. for awhile. - I don't know about instructing - I'm afraid I haven't the patience for that. - Doesn't make much difference tho - this ol' Army has a habit of putting you where they'd like to.

A furlough when this is over is getting slimmer & slimmer. - Personally - I don't expect one cause the last class didn't get one. - but it's too soon to worry the folks with that. - I can worry about that when the time comes.

I'm sorry to hear of Perry's troubles. - I'm sure
looks like he & Evelyn have had their share of
tough breaks. - Guess this transportation problem
was putting them behind the 8 ball as it was, now
this. - Hope it isn't the worst tho.

Fred wrote me of his promotion at the bank and
mentioned that you, Brother, had been recommended
for a store of your own. - It looks like these Loo's
boys are doing all right - nice going!

Well, - gotta go and study like - now. - Been
playing truant long enough. -

Say - by the way - I met a girl who is in her
last year at Texas Tech here in Lubbock. - She went
to Randolph-Macon in Lynchburg her first 3 yrs.
and she told me plenty about Lynchburg! - Between
these college girls and gasoline truck chivers, I
~~sure~~ sure will have the low down of the U.S.

- I had to solve a mythical bombing problem
of my own in class the other day, - maybe you don't
think I gave the R.R. bridge across the Potomac, along
with the reservoir dam above Great Falls h---!
Did you ever stop to think what would happen to the
Seaboard transportation with that bridge out. and where
D.C. would get its drinking water from with the dam
out? - Boy, - I fix 'em good! -

Bye now - and tell Janet as soon as I find
her something I'll send it to her. - I've almost sent her
a pair of cowboy boots a bunch of tinies! -
Frank